

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A sputtering target that is a perovskite oxide represented by the chemical formula of $Ra_{1-x}A_xBO_{3-x}$, [() wherein Ra represents a rare earth element consisting of Y, Sc, ~~Sc~~ and lanthanoid; A represents Ca, Mg, Ba or Sr; B represents a ~~transition~~ metal element such as Mn, Fe, Ni, Co, or Cr; and $0 < x \leq 0.5$ []], and wherein the target has a relative density of 95% or more, an average crystal grain size of $100\mu\text{m}$ or less, a resistivity of $10\Omega\text{cm}$ or less, and a purity of 3N or more.

Claims 2-3 (canceled).